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## **KC MAN SENTENCED FOR COMPUTER FRAUD, CREDIT CARD FRAUD, STEALING FATHER'S IDENTITY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for computer fraud, credit card fraud and stealing his father's identity.

**Michael Dennis Kinnard**, 36, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to two years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Kinnard** to pay \$40,000 in restitution.

On March 7, 2005, **Kinnard** pleaded guilty to charges contained in a May 18, 2004, federal indictment. **Kinnard** admitted that he used the Social Security number belonging to his father between Jan. 28, 2003, and Sept. 23, 2003, with the intent to commit computer fraud.

**Kinnard** accessed a computer at Chase Bankcard Services on Jan. 31, 2003. This was a protected computer, Graves explained, meaning it is used by a financial institution in interstate commerce and protected under federal law from unauthorized access. **Kinnard** admitted that he accessed the computer in an attempt to further an intended fraud and to obtain credit cards.

**Kinnard** also admitted that from Feb. 4 to April 16, 2003, he used those fraudulently obtained credit cards to conduct financial transactions to receive things of an aggregate value equal to or exceeding \$1,000.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. It was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the U.S. Secret Service Financial Crimes Task Force.

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